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Letter dated 8 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform the Security Council that the Democratic Republic of the Congo has fully complied with the recommendations contained in resolution 2211 (2015) of 26 March 2015, in which the Council encourages my Government to take effective steps to enter into a regular strategic dialogue with the United Nations, building on the joint assessment process initiated in 2010 to jointly develop a road map and exit strategy for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).

As announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Raymond Tshibanda N'tungamulongo, in his address to the Security Council on 19 March 2015, a strategic dialogue was initiated with the United Nations in Kinshasa, immediately following the adoption of the aforementioned resolution, with a view to discussing the exit strategy of MONUSCO as a whole, including sticking points in the relations between the United Nations and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as mentioned in the Minister's statement to the Council.

Despite the efforts made, including efforts to re-establish dialogue with MONUSCO, my Government notes with regret that, contrary to expectations, no progress has been made by the United Nations on reaching consensus so that concrete proposals can be made to the Security Council.

MONUSCO, which is holding fast to its position, continues to believe and to claim that the mere resumption of cooperation between the Forces armées de la République démocratique du Congo (FARDC) and MONUSCO in rooting out the Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda (FDLR) is sufficient, while the Security Council and the host country are calling for an exit strategy for MONUSCO.

Returning to the issue of cooperation, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has always enjoyed excellent cooperation with the United Nations and will continue to do so. However, my Government would like to recall that it was following the refusal of MONUSCO to work with the two generals appointed to command the operations against FDLR and to assist FARDC in those operations that the Government, noting that decision, and wishing to fulfil its obligations with regard to

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neutralizing the negative forces, was obliged to initiate the current operations against FDLR without the assistance of MONUSCO.

It should be noted that these operations continue to have encouraging results. In South Kivu, the Uvira, Shabunda and Mwenga roads have been entirely cleared of FDLR sanctuaries, headquarters and command structures. The efforts of FARDC will now focus mainly on the Kalehe, Kabare and Walungu roads in this province, as well as the roads of North Kivu province that have not yet been cleared of FDLR.

Furthermore, my Government regrets and condemns the killing of two members of the MONUSCO forces who were ambushed by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) on Tuesday, 5 May 2015, on the Mavivi-Mayimoya route at Kikiki village, 11 km south of Eringeti, and would like to take this opportunity to reiterate its request for a constructive dialogue between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and MONUSCO, a dialogue which will contribute to harmonizing the views of the two sides on issues that have not yet been clarified.

My Government requests the Security Council not to take action on questions relating to the Democratic Republic of the Congo without first having heard the Government's position.

My Government would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ignace **Gata Mavita**
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